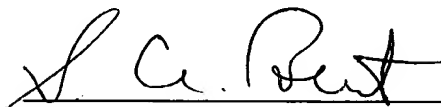


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If you have any questions or believe further discussion will aid examination and advance prosecution of the application, a telephone call to the undersigned is invited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. A. Bent", written over a horizontal line.

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